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SUBJECT: GOA RELEASE OF TERRORIST

REF: BUENOS AIRES 1483; LIMA 1799; STATE 46574, 48632

1. VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ANZORREGUY-SCHNEIDER CASE REQUIRE PROMPT CLARIFICATION. WE ARE MUCH DISTURBED BY WHAT ON THE SURFACE APPEARS AS A DISCONCERTING CONTRAST IN THE APPROACH BY GOA AUTHORITIES TO THIS CASE WITH THE POSITION THEY ADOPTED IN THE EGAN CASE.

2. WE SUSPECT CARDINAL DIFFERENCE IS THAT GOA HAD SCHNEIDER IN ITS CUSTODY AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS ALLOWING HIM TO CHOOSE EXILE MADE HIS RELEASE COMPARATIVELY EASY FOR THE GOA AND NOT A "NEGOTIATION" WITH ANZORREGUY'S CAPTORS. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE FOUR OR FIVE OR SEVEN TERRORISTS WHOSE "SHOWING" WAS DEMANDED FOR EGAN'S RELEASE WERE NOT ALL IN THE GOA'S CUSTODY, THAT THEY WERE DEAD OR OTHERWISE UNACCOUNTABLE FOR. WE DEDUCE THIS IS POINT

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3. NEVERTHELESS WE ARE DISTURBED BY THE RIGID POSITION ADOPTED BY VIGNES ON FEBRUARY 28 AND WE REPEAT OUR REQUEST

FOR THE FULL TEXT OF HIS REMARKS. WIRE SERVICE QUOTED HIM AS SAYING, "THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH EXTREMIST GROUPS". WE ALSO NOTE THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AT NO TIME TO OUR KNOWLEDGE ISSUED THE PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT BOTH VIGNES AND ORFILA ASSURED US IT WOULD ISSUE, THAT IT DID NOT HAVE THE TERRORIST PRISONERS IN ITS CUSTODY THAT EGAN'S CAPTORS DEMANDED BE PRODUCED.

4. BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES WE HAVE IN RECONCILING GOA'S POSITION IN THESE TWO CASES, YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE KNOWN OUR CONCERN AT A HIGH LEVEL IN THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. IN SO DOING YOU SHOULD LEAVE NO DOUBTS THAT WE LOOK TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF AMERICANS IN ARGENTINA AND THAT WE WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY IN ACCEPTING ANY INDICATION THAT THE CONSIDERATION AND CONCERN OF THE GOA FOR OUR CITIZENS IN ARGENTINA IS IN ANY WAY LESS THAN THAT SHOWN FOR OTHERS. YOU SHOULD REQUEST AN EXPLANATION FOR THE PERPLEXING VARIANCE IN THE GOA'S APPROACH TO THESE TWO CASES.

5. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS OF YOUR INQUIRY. INGERSOLL

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